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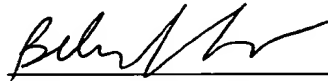
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a) TO WITHDRAW
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Applicants respectfully request the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 23, 2004, be withdrawn due to inadvertent error by the Patent Office. Applicants submitted a timely Request for Continued Examination on January 26, 2004, to the Board Decision mailed November 24, 2004. Applicants provided a copy of the RCE to Examiner Chan on March 3, 2004. In a telephone call to Examiner Chan by the Applicants on March 23, 2004, the Examiner acknowledged receipt of the RCE, confirmed that the Notice of Abandonment was sent in error, and confirmed the case was still pending. Examiner Chan informed the undersigned that the application was now assigned to Examiner Vandervegt who would acknowledge the error. Nevertheless, in an abundance of caution, Applicants hereby petition and respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment.

No fees are believed due for the filing of this Petition; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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